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MY TURN
by Wade Warren



There's a little more electricity in the air today as the Snyder Tigers are getting ready to kick off the 2002 season.

It promises to be an interesting fall as the Tigers dropped down to the 3-A level.

Members of the new district, especially Denver City and Merkel, would like nothing better than to knock off the new, big kid on the block.

Throw in the renewed rivalries with Lamesa and Sweetwater and the season could be a bloodletter.

Tonight's game against Frenship should give the fans and coaching staff a good indication of the quality of the Tigers as the Wolfforth pride of cats are ranked near the top in the state for 4-A teams.

We're not real good at picking winners as a recent foray into the sport of kings will attest, but we'll go out on a limb for tonight's tilt.

Tigers 35, Tigers 24.

And on the subject of football, there's probably not a high school team with more lore than the Permian Panthers.

Since the school opened in the fall of 1959, the school has recorded a number of state championships and an overall playoff record that is the envy of most.

The mystique of MOJO is known all over the U.S. and the origin has been debated for years.

Following is the gospel of how the MOJO chant originated. Like the big boys say, it is the first time the story has ever appeared in print.

And it wasn't even football season when the chant started.

It was in the Hobbs, N.M. gym during the 1962 basketball season when Permian was playing a Ralph Tasker team that won the New Mexico state tournament that year.

And if they didn't, they should have.

If you've ever played against a Tasker-coached team, or even watched them, you know that they press from the opening whistle.

And just about the time you think you've got one five figured out, here comes another, and then another. All just as good, fast and tall as the first bunch.

Somehow, we stayed neck and neck with the Eagles throughout the game, but ended up losing by about three points.

Sitting behind our bench was a staunch Hobbs fan who really didn't believe we belonged in the same gym with his beloved Eagles who were probably playing their sloppiest game of the year.

Every time Hobbs would make a mistake, the gray-headed black gentleman would stand up and holler, "no mo'yo' hear."

I don't know who started to mimic the fan, but before the game was over, the Panther bench and a hand full of folks who had traveled from Odessa had translated "mo'yo'," to MOJO.

And there you have it. The true origin of MOJO.

As assistant...

Smith will be named to DA office

Snyder's municipal judge, Ben Smith, has submitted his resignation to the city and soon will take over the duties of assistant district attorney for the 132nd Judicial District.

The latter position is a new one as District Attorney Dana Cooley proposed the position to the county commissioners in July.

Action on his resignation is expected at Tuesday evening's city council meeting.

Smith, in a letter to the city council, said his resignation would be effective Sept. 15, or sooner if a new judge is appointed before that date.

Monday's council agenda also calls for the appointment of a municipal court judge.

Legally, Smith could have continued in both positions, but chose to resign the city post to avoid any appearance of impropriety.

"Though legally not a conflict of interest, I believe there would be the potential for some to claim that there is an appearance of impropriety when the city judge happens to be employed by the same person who is also the city attorney prosecuting cases in the city court," Smith wrote in his letter to the council.

"Having worked in the judicial systems of other counties, I can proudly say that our local judicial system and law enforcement agencies command the highest level of respect from both law-abiding and the law-breaking citizens.

"The bulk of this respect comes from the conduct of our local law enforcement officers, but a substantial part of this comes from the citizens' perception of how cases are handled by the local judiciary," wrote Smith. "I will not ever purposely place myself in a situation where I might detract from this high level of respect which has been hard earned by years of faithful and effective service by our local law enforcement, prosecutors and judges," Smith wrote.



Ben Smith

Smith has served as municipal judge since 1998 and will continue as a law partner of Mark Hargrove since the assistant DA position is part-time.

The position will be funded $2,000 per month by the county with any additional monies coming from the state.

Both the DA positions are state employees.

Smith and his wife, Christy, have two children.

Corbin is an eighth grader while Hannah is in kindergarten.



FINAL PREPARATIONS — Richard Mann and Joe Carrisalez placed the finishing touch on Tiger Stadium this morning, painting the "Super S" in the middle of the field. The Tigers play their season opener at 7:30 tonight against Frenship. (SDN Staff Photo)

Coalition aircraft bomb Iraqi defense facility in no-fly zone

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the sixth time in a week, coalition aircraft bombed an Iraqi defense facility in one of the no-fly zones patrolled for a decade by U.S. and British pilots.

Coalition aircraft used precision-guided weapons today to strike a surface-to-air missile site in the southern zone near Al Kut, 150 miles southeast of Baghdad, U.S. Central Command said in a statement. Officials said it was a response to Iraqi attacks on a pilot patrolling the zone.

Less than twelve hours earlier, allied fighter jets struck a military radar site at the same location.

They also attacked Iraqi military facilities today, Sunday and twice on Tuesday, bringing the number of strikes this year in the northern zone to 10 and in the southern zone to 24.

The incident came as the Bush administration steps up efforts to convince the world of the need to overthrow Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Iraq wages a campaign to rally the world against such a move.

But attacks and counterattacks in the no-fly zones have been going on for years.

U.S. and British warplanes have been monitoring "no-fly" zones over southern and northern Iraq since shortly after the 1991 Gulf War to protect the Kurdish minority in the north and Shiite Muslims in the south.

Iraq considers the patrols a violation of its sovereignty and frequently shoots at them with surface-to-air missiles and anti-aircraft artillery. In return, coalition pilots try to bomb Iraqi air defense systems.

"Coalition strikes in the no-fly zones are executed as a self-defense measure in response to Iraqi hostile threats and acts against coalition forces and their aircraft," the Central Command said. "Coalition aircraft never target civilian populations or infrastructure and go to painstaking lengths to avoid injury to civilian and damage to civilian facilities."

Still, the Iraqi military said Sunday's strike in Basra province, 330 miles south of Baghdad, killed eight civilians and wounded nine others.

Two deputies killed while trying to take man in custody

ADELPHI, Md. (AP) — A man shot and killed two sheriff's deputies who were trying to take him in for emergency psychiatric care, authorities said.

James Logan, 23, opened fire Thursday night after the deputies arrived at his parents' home looking for him, Prince George's County police said.

Cpl. James V. Arnaud, 53, and Deputy Sheriff Elizabeth Licera Magruder, 30, were killed. Arnaud died at the scene and Magruder died at a hospital a short time later.

An arrest warrant was issued for Logan, police said.

Police said a man who was believed to have fled with Logan was taken into custody today. Cpl. Diane Richardson said police were talking to the man, whom she described as a witness.

The two deputies were fired on with a shotgun.

Labor Day holiday is almost here

The Labor Day holiday on Monday will prompt numerous closings around Snyder.

Financial institutions will be closed — including West Texas State Bank, American State Bank, First American Bank, Snyder National Bank and Texas Savings Bank.

Area schools — including Snyder, Ira, Hermleigh and Western Texas College — will also observe the holiday.

The Scurry County Museum will be closed Monday, but open Sunday from 1-3 p.m. for the final day of the "Ready to Roll" motorcycle exhibit. The county library will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

City and county employees also will receive a day off Monday as city hall and the courthouse will close.

The city landfill will be open Monday, but will close Saturday.

Both local golf courses, which normally close Mondays will remain open for the holiday.

No mail will be delivered or put in P.O. boxes on Monday.

ASK US

Q—Was Tuesday's 103 degrees a record for that date?
A—No, in 1952 it was 104 degrees on Aug. 27.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 100 degrees; low, 64; 7 a.m. Friday, 71; no precipitation; total for 2002, 15.08 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; SE winds 5-15 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy; high lower 90s; SE winds 10-15 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy low near 70.



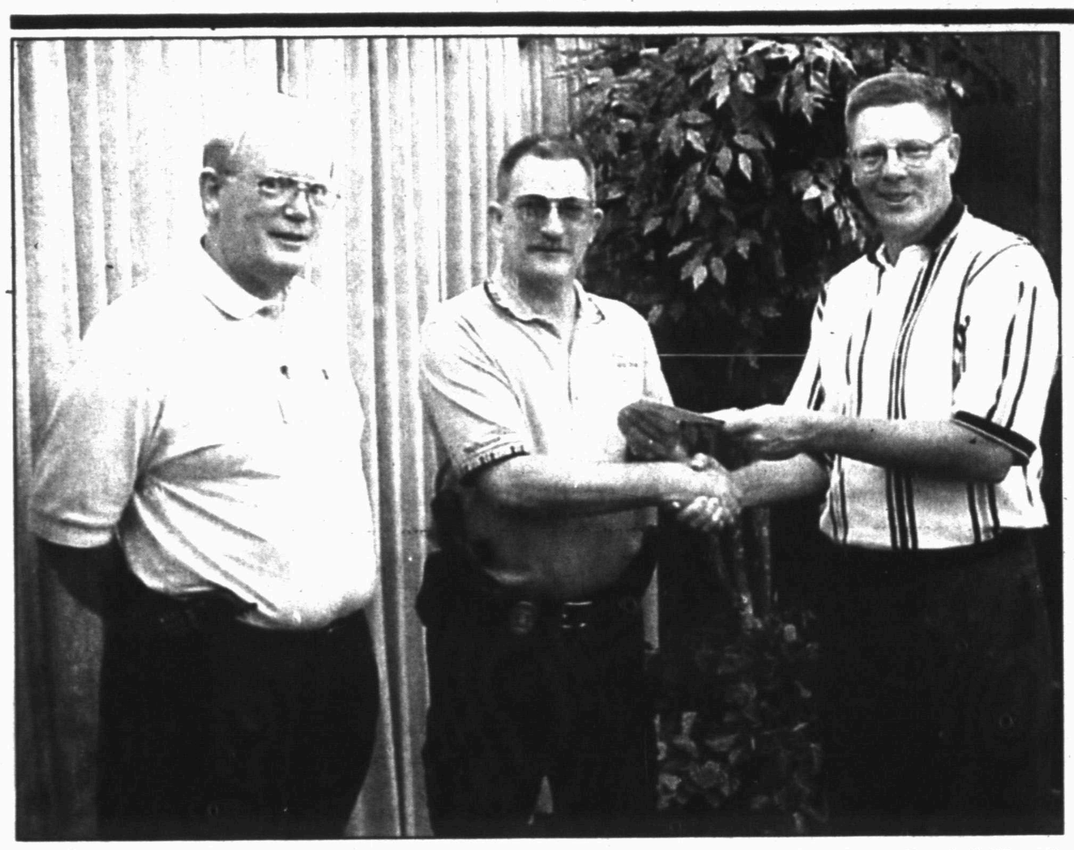
Scott Smith
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 8:10 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:19 a.m.
Of 241 days in 2002, the sun has shone 234 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Do for yourself or do without.
—Gaylord Perry

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DONATION — Snyder Fire Marshal Cy Posey (center) accepts a donation from Cogdell Hospital CEO George Parsley as Cogdell financial officer Joe Wright looks on. The donation will help the fire department to purchase thermal imaging cameras. (Contributed Photo)

Boy allegedly threatens class with bat, hedge trimmer

TYLER (AP) — An East Texas sixth grader has been suspended after allegedly threatening his teacher and classmates with a baseball bat and a hedge trimmer.

Tyler police said the 11-year-old boy, released by school officials into the custody of his parents, could still face a misdemeanor charge of terrorist threat.

In a statement, the Tyler Independent School District said the boy brought his cat to school on Tuesday and became angry when it was taken away from him. He returned home and then came back with a metal baseball bat and an electric hedge trimmer. There were no injuries.

"He stood in the doorway and said something to the effect of, I'm not afraid to use these," Tyler police spokesman Chris Moore said. "It was not a direct threat, but apparently it was construed that way. The teacher herded herself and her students into the closet."

Michael Skakel sentenced to 20 years to life for '75 killing

NORWALK, Conn. (AP) — Michael Skakel said he could not apologize for a crime he didn't commit as he was sentenced to 20 years to life in the 1975 killing of his teenage neighbor.

Skakel, convicted of bludgeoning Martha Moxley with a golf club, tearfully proclaimed his innocence and spoke of his own suffering and that of Jesus Christ before the sentence was handed down.

"I would love to be able to say I did this crime so the Moxley family could have rest and peace, but I can't," said Skakel, the nephew of Ethel Kennedy. "To do that would be a lie."

Standing in a steady drizzle outside the courthouse, Martha's brother, John Moxley, said that after the sentence, he felt numb.

"Twenty years to life — it's just difficult to compare that to what life would have been like with Martha," he said. "There's no celebration. There's no party to go to."

Norwalk Superior Court Judge John F. Kavanewsky Jr. said he was imposing a substantial sentence because of the brutality of the crime and because Skakel was unrepentant.

"The defendant has been living a lie about his guilt," the judge said. "This defendant has accepted no responsibility, he has expressed no personal remorse."

Skakel, 41, was convicted in June of killing Martha when they were neighbors in Greenwich. He plans to appeal.

Skakel, who did not testify at his trial, gave a rambling, tearful speech in which he said he had screamed at God to protest his fate.

Skakel said that when he explained to his son on Easter that he might go to prison, he said the holiday was about "God's child, and they put him in prison."

Responding to prosecutors' arguments that he was rarely employed, Skakel said, "And as far as a job is concerned, I mean, what did Jesus Christ do? He walked around the world telling people that he loved them. Should he go to jail for that?"

Prosecutor Jonathan Benedict had urged the court to impose a maximum sentence of 25 years to life, calling the murder "cold-bloodedly evil."

"It sounded to me like he was trying to compare himself with someone being crucified," Benedict said.

Under 1975 sentencing guidelines, Skakel will become eligible for parole on April 27, 2013. Kavanewsky rejected a defense motion to free Skakel on bond while the conviction is appealed.

Defense lawyer Michael Sherman submitted letters from numerous supporters, including Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Ethel Kennedy.

"Financially privileged, Michael was growing emotionally destitute," she wrote of Skakel's difficult childhood. "It pains me that others miss his sweetness, kindness, good cheer and love of life; his perceptiveness, exuberance and extraordinary generosity."

Sherman also noted a pre-sentencing report compiled by a probation officer, which Sherman said did not recommend a life sentence.

Martha's mother, Dorthy Moxley, said she thought the sentence of 20 years to life was reasonable.

"It's my general nature to have a little sympathy toward everybody," she said. "I did. I still feel as though he has to be punished for what he did to Martha and what he did to so many others."

Martha's battered body was discovered on Oct. 31, 1975, under a tree on her family's estate near the Skakel home in a gated Greenwich community. She had been repeatedly beaten with a golf club — later traced to a set owned by Skakel's mother — and stabbed in the neck with the club's shaft.

At trial, prosecution witnesses said Skakel was romantically interested in Martha, but suggested he was upset because his older brother, Thomas, an early suspect in the slaying, was making advances on their attractive blonde neighbor.

The case went unsolved, creating speculation that wealth, privilege and the Kennedy connection had protected the Skakel family.

Attention turned to Michael in the early 1990s, when he gave new details of his activities the night of the murder to a private investigator hired by the Skakel family. Skakel was arrested in 2000 after a grand jury investigation.

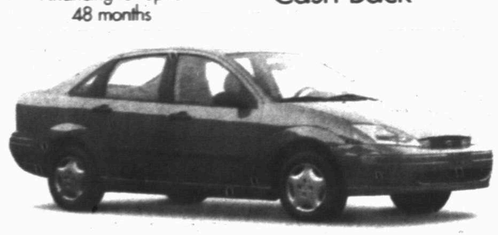
He fought to have his case heard in juvenile court, but a judge ruled the state had no juvenile facility in which to lock up a middle-age man. The case was transferred to adult court in January 2001.

Prosecutors had no eyewitnesses and little forensic evidence. Instead they presented about a dozen people who said they had heard Skakel confess or make incriminating statements.

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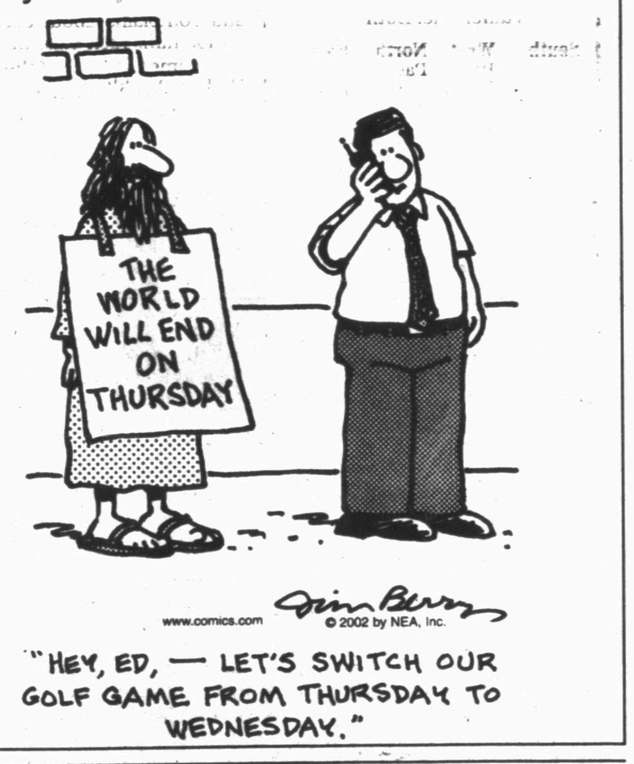
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Today is the 242nd day of 2002 and the 71st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 30 B.C., Cleopatra chose to kill herself rather than be taken prisoner by Roman emperor Octavian.

On this day in 1928, the Independence of India League was organized by Jawaharlal Nehru to challenge British rule in India.

On this day in 1983, astronaut Guion Bluford became the first African-American to go to space.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley (1797-1857), writer; Huey Long (1893-1935), U.S. politician; Roy Wilkins (1901-1981), U.S. civil rights leader; Fred MacMurray (1908-1991), actor.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1904, despite finishing in second place, American Thomas Hicks was declared the winner at the St. Louis Olympics. The decision came after it was discovered that the first-place runner, American Fred Lorz, had taken a car for 11 of the 16 miles.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A cowboy actor needs two changes of expression — hat on and hat off." — Fred MacMurray

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Aug. 22) and last quarter (Aug. 30).

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National

Most trains

WASHINGTON — Amtrak enters the holiday weekend for travelers — train service and equipment problems

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Most of Amtrak's high-speed trains sidelined for Labor Day

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amtrak enters the long Labor Day holiday weekend — a busy time for travelers — with its premier train service still hampered by equipment problems.

Seven of the high speed Acela Express trains will be available to carry passengers in Amtrak's Northeast Corridor over the holiday weekend, compared to 15 on a normal day, Amtrak spokesman Cliff Black said.

The passenger railroad will continue to press additional conventional trains into duty to fill gaps in its schedule. "We're juggling our equipment to place the most seats at those times that show the greatest reservations pressure," Black said.

Temporary repairs continue on cracks discovered on and near shock-absorbing assemblies that keep the Acela Express locomotives from swaying at high speeds.

The cause of the cracking, and a permanent fix for the trains, remain the subject of talks among Amtrak, federal railroad officials, and the companies that built the trains, Montreal-based Bombardier Transportation of North America and Alstom Ltd. of France.

For now, the trains that have returned to service in the Boston-New York-Washington corridor are undergoing an intensified inspection and repair program. "We are seeing new cracking on some pieces of equipment, and what we do then is simply repair them," Black said.

Ultimately, Amtrak will need to rotate the trains back out of service for permanent repairs. If certain assemblies broke loose, they could damage or derail a moving train.

Acela Express trains can reach 150 mph and offer comforts not found on other Amtrak trains. They are also an important moneymaker for Amtrak, which has struggled financially throughout its three-decade existence.

If there was a silver lining for Amtrak, it was that the Acela Express problem was discovered in August, a slow time for business travel. But now the repair work is stretching through a busy travel weekend and into September.

Last year, Amtrak carried about 170,000 passengers on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday of Labor Day weekend, including more than 77,000 riders in the Northeast Corridor.

Another potentially important day for Amtrak service is Sept. 11, the anniversary of the terrorist attacks. Several major airlines say they are cutting back their flights based on weak bookings that day.

Amtrak owns 18 Acela Express trains, which consist of six passenger cars and two locomotives. Amtrak typically holds three trains in reserve.

But there have been no typical days since Aug. 12, when a periodic inspection in Boston revealed cracks in an assembly on one train. Amtrak immediately slowed all Acela Express trains to 80 mph while ordering inspections of all the locomotives.

More cracks were found, and Amtrak canceled the high-speed service Aug. 13. It put two of the 18 trains back in duty the following day, but then pulled them again after additional cracks were found.

Last week, the discovery of still more cracks — these on the steel frames of the trains where the assemblies are attached — complicated Amtrak's efforts to get the trains back in service.

Eminem and No Doubt win MTV Video awards Thursday

NEW YORK (AP) — With the American Museum of Natural History as the backdrop, Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band kicked off the MTV Video Music Awards on Thursday with a rousing yet poignant performance that celebrated the spirit of the city.

Springsteen sang the title cut to his new disc, "The Rising," which touches on the emotions and the aftermath of Sept. 11.

But the MTV Video Music Awards being what they are, that reverent spirit didn't last for long. At Radio City Music Hall, where the awards were held, host Jimmy Fallon lampooned nominees including rappers Eminem, Nelly and teen rocker Avril Lavigne by spoofing their videos.

One of the evening's first surprises was an appearance by the Godfather of Soul, James Brown, who sashayed on stage at the end of Fallon's skit.

Perhaps the biggest surprise was when pop queen Britney Spears emerged to give an "Artist of the Millennium" award to Michael Jackson, whose first album of the new millennium, "Invincible," only garnered two hits and was a commercial disappointment. The award coincided with the King of Pop's 44th birthday.

"Hey, Michael Jackson looks great for 44," Fallon said after Jackson left the stage, then added: "Between you and me, I think he's had some work done."

Not surprisingly, Eminem provided the evening's biggest shocker — he was booed after winning the award for best male video for "Without Me."

The tension started when his nemesis, Christina Aguilera, presented him with the award. Aguilera looked like she wanted to drop it on the floor rather than put it in his hand.

Then, he took a pot shot at another one of his favorite targets, techno artist Moby, calling the artist a girl (Moby irritated Eminem last year by criticizing his lyrics as misogynist).

Then the boos from the audience began.

"Yeah, keep booing," Eminem told the audience, then, appearing to look in Moby's direction, said "I will hit a man with glasses."

Despite that excitement, there were plenty of lulls in the program. Scripted banter between celebrity presenters like twins Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen and actress Brittany Murphy and Anthony Kiedis from the Red Hot Chili Peppers fell flat. When the camera panned the audience during some of Fallon's skits, they appeared confused — or worse, bored.

Things were wilder before the awards started, as rapper Ludacris performed a profanity-laced song in front of Radio City Music Hall, rolling by on top of a big bus. Censors had to bleep out his performance, complete with scantily clad dancers jumping on cars, at least four times.

Typically, the awards are held after Labor Day. But because of the approaching anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the network pushed the show up to August.

This year's show paid special tribute to the city; former mayor Rudolph Giuliani received a standing ovation when he came out to thank the music industry for their support of New York after the attacks.

"You've helped to raise money for the victims of Sept. 11," he said. "Tonight your being here is yet another expression of your support for us."

Then Sheryl Crow sang a song dedicated to New Yorkers. During the performance, images of residents were shown and at the end, the trademark "I Love NY" symbol emerged.

More emotional was MTV's tribute to TLC, who lost their most dynamic member, Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes, in a car crash in Honduras last year. After MTV personality Carson Daly announced a $25,000 scholarship in Lopes' name, surviving group members Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins and Rozonda "Chilli" Thomas came on stage and cried.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 08-30-02
♠ K 7 6 4 3
♥ 8 5
♦ Q 9 8 4
♣ J 10

West
♠ Q 8
♥ A K 7 4
♦ 10 6 3
♣ ? 8 6 5

East
♠ 9
♥ 10 9 6 3 2
♦ 5 2
♣ ? 7 4 3 2

South
♠ A J 10 5 2
♥ Q J
♦ A K J 7
♣ K 9

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

Counting the points makes the point

By Phillip Alder

James Thurber wrote, "If a playwright tried to see eye to eye with everybody, he would get the worst case of strabismus since Hannibal lost an eye trying to count his nineteen elephants during a snowstorm while crossing the Alps." (And did you see that unfortunate contestant on the Millionaire show who, for $100, thought that Hannibal crossed the Alps on llamas?)

In bridge, we rarely have to count as high as 19, but sometimes a player — like today's South — does have that strong a hand.

Suppose you are sitting South, trying to make four spades. West cashes the two top hearts, then casts adrift (a drift?) with a diamond. How would you continue? (West has queen-doubleton of spades.)

With 19 points, it is normal for South to jump to game after partner's single raise, although the three points in hearts might — and do — prove valueless.

You must guess the club suit. But when you call for dummy's jack, East plays low smoothly, of course. Should you run the jack or put up the king?

You did well not to play off the diamonds first, which would help East to see that his side needs two club tricks to defeat the contract.

You should put up your king. Why? Because West passed as dealer, yet has already shown up with the spade queen and heart ace-king: nine points. If he had the club ace as well, he would have opened the bidding.

Apparently, you suffer from strabismus if you cannot focus both eyes on one point. Were you cross-eyed on this deal?

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Unhappy wife must realize abuse is not part of love

DEAR ABBY: I am a 31-year-old mother of three. I have been married for 11 years and need your advice. I love my husband, "Rick," but I am not happy.

My husband has always gone out on weekends and disappears for hours during the week. When I ask Rick where he has been, he says, "Just riding around," or "I don't know." He blames me for every single thing that goes wrong in his life and complains about everything I do for him. Rick calls me unthinkable names in front of the children. He has also hit me many times.

I want to leave him. I have tried many times, but every time I leave him, I get severely depressed and begin to miss him very much.

The last time I left Rick I ended up in the hospital with a bleeding ulcer. What can I do to stay away from him and not lose my mind? Where can I go for help, and who can I lean on for support? I am deeply unhappy and becoming cold and bitter. — **DESPERATE IN ARKANSAS**

DEAR DESPERATE: You may think you "love" Rick, but you have described a verbal and physical abuser who also may not be faithful. He has been so successful in chipping away at your self-esteem, he has convinced you that you need him and that tolerating abuse is part of love. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Pack your bags and exit the marriage. The minute the door is closed behind you, ask your doctor for a referral to a licensed counselor to help you rebuild your spirit and your life.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old who weighs 140 pounds and stands 5 feet tall. I feel self-conscious about my body, and hate it when people make comments about my weight.

My brother constantly calls me "fattie" and other rude names. For example, if I turn down an offer for ice cream in front of him, he'll say something like, "Wow! That's a miracle!"

His behavior really hurts, and although I've talked to my parents about it, they haven't done anything to stop him.

I feel ready to work on losing weight, but don't know where to begin. Is there anything I can say to my brother to shut him up? I'll make good use of any suggestions you have. — **TIRED OF FEELING FAT IN WASHINGTON STATE**

DEAR FEELING FAT: Speak to your parents about your desire to adopt healthier eating habits, and ask them to make an appointment with your doctor so you can begin an approved program of diet and exercise.

Next, tell them again how hurtful and humiliating your brother's negative comments are. He may think they're funny, and he needs to be told otherwise. Ridicule never helped anyone solve a problem. Show them this letter and tell them who wrote it. I wish you the best of luck.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm confused about something. Would you please explain the difference between an atheist and an agnostic? Some people say agnostics are atheists with no guts. Thanks! — **WONDERING IN CHICAGO**

DEAR WONDERING: I'm sure whoever said it was only trying to be funny. Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (Tenth Edition) defines an agnostic as "one who is not committed to believing in either the existence or the non-existence of God or a god." In other words, an agnostic is someone who says, "I'll make a firm decision when I have proof."

An atheist is one who actively disbelieves in the existence of a deity. He's a person who has already made up his mind.

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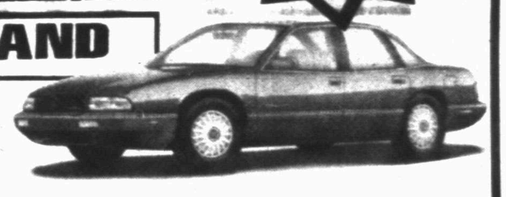
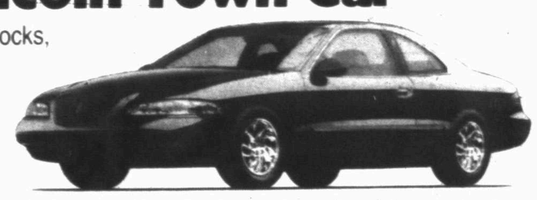
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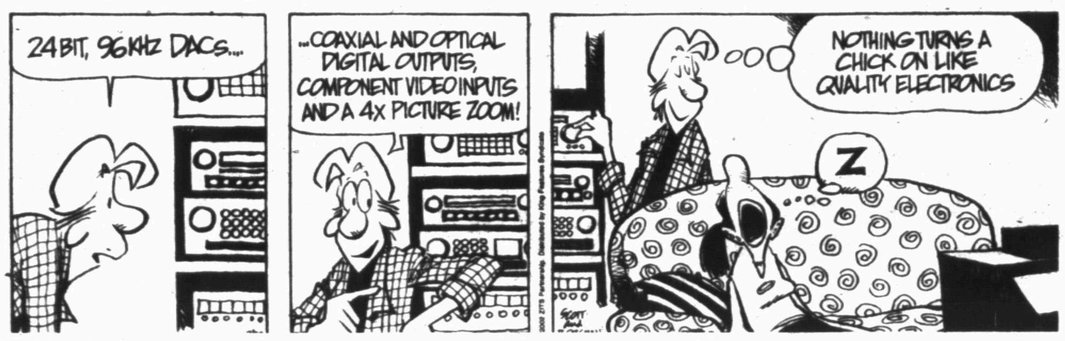
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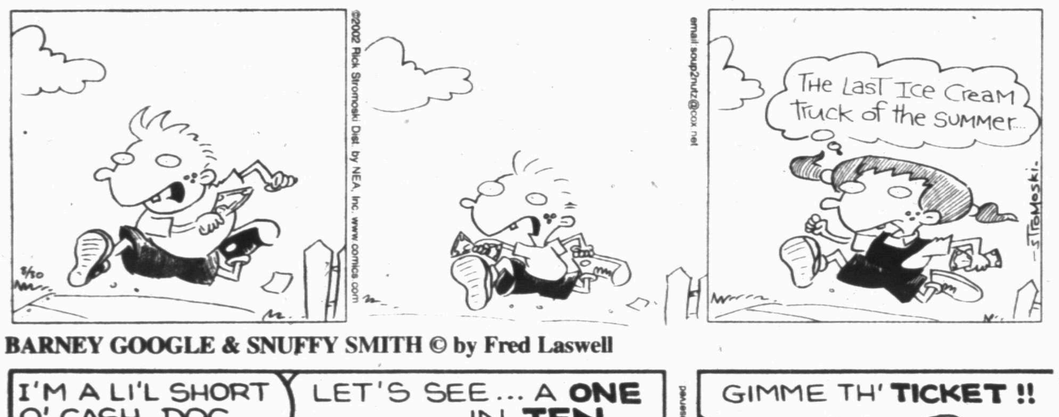
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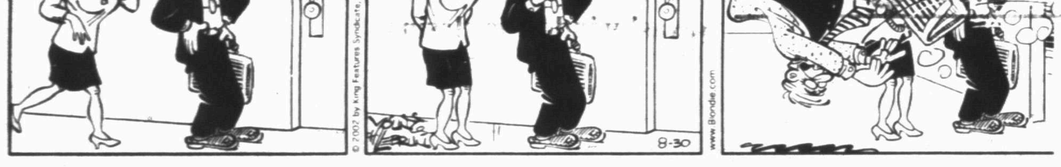
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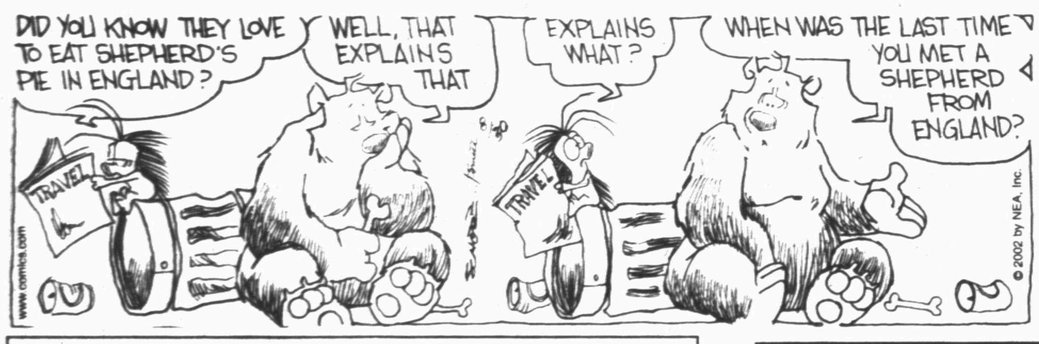
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5 Put out a runner
8 Warm greeting
12 Not diluted
13 Ham on —
14 Nights before
15 Sheik or emir
16 Lodging place
17 Vanilla source
18 Coach — Rockne
20 Say "Cheers!"
22 Joke with
23 Chem room
24 Handed over
27 Turns loose (2 wds.)
30 Lupino of films
31 Mo. multiples
32 PFC's mail drop
34 Hardened, as cement
35 Chess piece
37 Swimmer's unit
38 Designate
40 Southern beauty
42 Before
43 Promoted maj.
44 Fox's mate
46 Snagged a dogie
49 Gatehouse cry
50 Mother rabbit
52 Obi-Wan portrayer
54 Fashion magazine
55 Serpent
56 Retiree!
57 Wildlife shelter
58 Entreat
59 Aware of

DOWN

1 Hot tub
2 Ottoman
3 Big oil supplier
4 Take to task
5 Attempted
6 Novelist — Rand
7 Softer
8 Meat on skewers
9 Currier's partner
10 Ticket info
11 123-45-6789, e.g.
19 Metal in bronze
21 Dobbin's dinner
24 Army guys
25 Brainstorm
26 Dye containers
27 Gayle's sis
28 Impudence
29 Outback mineral
33 Unseal, to a poet
35 Thick mud
36 Schedules
39 Duet times three
40 Ghost's hello
41 Rio Grande city (2 wds.)
43 Thin pancake
44 Glen
45 Misfortunes
47 Joie de vivre
48 Auto mishap
49 Poultry buy
51 Big Ten team
53 Mgmt. biggie

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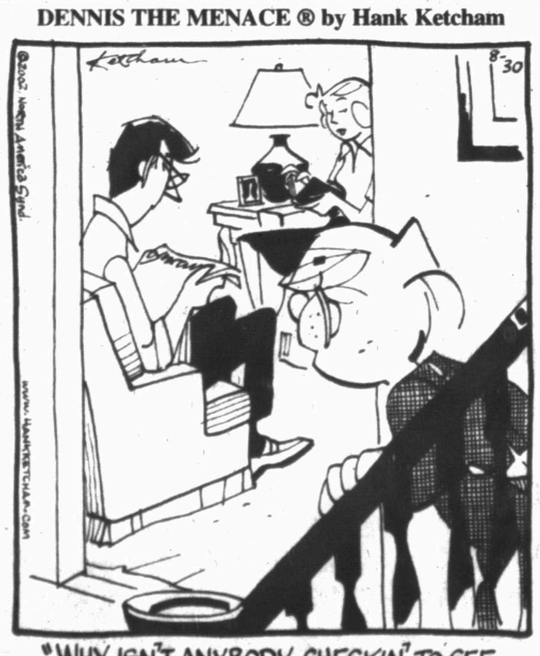
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SPORTS

Tigers open season tonight

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The first game of the season is scheduled tonight, but Snyder High School's second-year head coach Chad Rogers already likes what he sees with the 2002 Tiger football squad.

"These kids like to play and like to hit," Rogers said. "They have really jelled together, and they are receptive to coaching."

Rogers said the squad has had hard-hitting and intense practice sessions leading up to the season opener. "They are excited to get started."

The Tigers open the 2002 campaign against a formidable and familiar foe at 7:30 at Tiger Stadium when they take on defending 4-4A champions Frenship.

"They're big, fast and well-coached," Rogers said. "They're returning a 1,000-yard rusher (senior tailback Eric Robins) and a 2,000-yard passer (senior Kris Kelley)."

Snyder, without quarterback T.J. Jones who was out with an inury last year, was shut out by Frenship 19-0, and will again have its hands full with a Frenship defense that returns six starters from last year.

Defensively, the Tigers will attempt to counter the scrambling Kelley with speed and strength in the defensive backfield. The team has a lot of leadership in the secondary, with three of the four starters — free safety Colby Driggers, strong safety Logan Hill and cornerback Clay Williams — entering their senior years.

The team also is counting on senior leadership at the defensive tackle position from Josh Mendoza, Josh Knox and Josh Montoya. The defensive line will be rotated throughout the game to try to keep everyone fresh, Rogers said. Defensive end Michael Murphrey, all-South Plains and all-Big Country last season, will be the mainstay at the left end position.

Jones, last year's leading rusher with 684 yards and eight touchdowns will again anchor the Tigers' wishbone attack. "T.J.'s picked up right where he left off," Rogers said. One of the keys to tonight's non-district game will be the timing of the option play, the coach added.

When Jones drops back, his primary targets are likely to be senior receivers Josh Mendoza and Jason Guynes.

Defensive coordinator Buster Mabrey said the team is as ready as possible. "These kids have really worked hard all off-season," he said. "They are well-prepared and they are bigger and stronger and faster than they were a year ago."

The junior varsity and freshmen football teams opened their seasons Thursday at Frenship, with the freshmen taking their contest 20-6.

Freshmen head coach Tommy Doyle said the team made some big plays, including an interception from Dustin Williams. "It was a big one," said Doyle. The pick came with Frenship trailing 14-6 but driving hard down the field in the second half.

Other standouts included Eric Martinez, who had 10-yard touchdown run and Garrett Pinson who punched in two touchdowns and a two-point conversion.

Jeremy Torres and Barrett Bowlin contributed with key receptions.

The junior varsity squad was beaten 28-0, and head coach Charles Bollinger said turnoyers and first-game jitters contributed to the shutout. Snyder lost five fumbles and threw an interception. "We had some good runs," he said. "But the turnovers killed us." Both teams will take on Abilene Wylie at

MLB working to avert strike

NEW YORK (AP) — After a round of all-night negotiations, baseball appeared to be moving toward a settlement this morning that would avert a strike later today.

Commissioner Bud Selig and union head Donald Fehr attended a morning bargaining session — an indication that negotiations could be wrapping up. Lawyers representing teams and players said they were confident the sides could reach an agreement later in the day, though they cautioned a deal had not yet been struck.

As part of a settlement, owners were willing to agree not to contract teams through the 2006 season, a management official said on the condition he not be identified. Owners attempted to fold the Montreal Expos and Minnesota Twins after last season but were stopped by Minnesota courts.

As the hours dwindled, lawyers shuttled between the commissioner's office and union headquarters, crunching numbers and exchanging revised proposals.

Two lawyers from each side bargained until 2 a.m. before the sides broke for caucuses. Players gave owners a proposal during a 20-minute meeting that began at 4 a.m., and owners responded with a counteroffer about 6:30 a.m. The union returned with a response at 9:15 a.m.

"They are down to microcosms," the management official said.

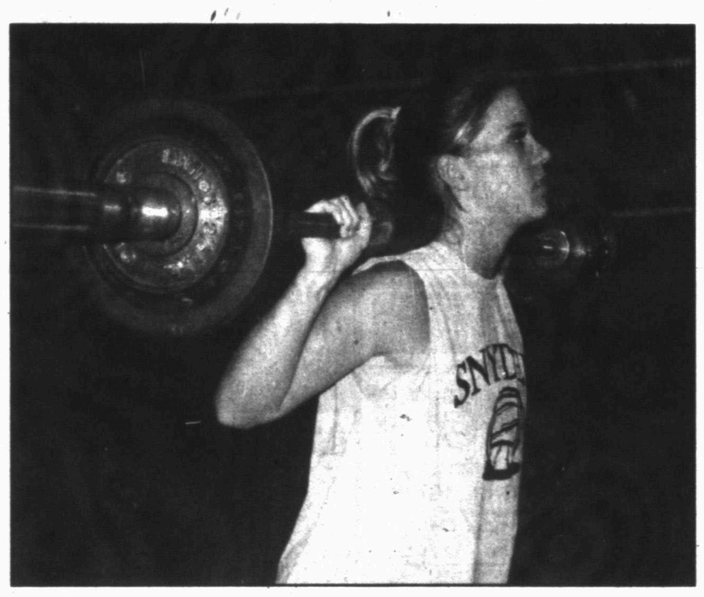
There was no set time for the start of a strike, which would be the sport's ninth work stoppage since 1972. The first of the day's 15 games would be St. Louis at Chicago, scheduled to begin at 3:20 p.m. EDT. Long before noon, game preparations were under way there, with workers outside the ballpark setting up traffic cones. Three ticket windows outside Wrigley Field were open.

Boston Red Sox players were told to wait at Fenway Park when they gathered at 7:30 a.m. for a charter flight to Cleveland.

"We have no specific timetable right now," interim general manager Mike Port said. "We want to know before we take another step that, hopefully, there will be a resolution."

Fans tossed about a half-dozen foul balls back onto the field during Anaheim's 6-1 win over the Devil Rays, the last game played Thursday night. Many of the 18,820 fans chanted "Don't Strike, Don't Strike" during the seventh-inning stretch, and when the game ended, some of them threw debris on the field.

The walkout threatens the final 31 days and 438 games of the regular season, and imperils the World Series — canceled by a strike in 1994 for the first time in 90 years.



WEIGHTING GAME — Shelley Fisk works with weights to prepare for the varsity volleyball team's trip to Ft. Worth. The team is set to play Justin Northwest Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

MLB Standings

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	83	49	.629	—
Boston	74	57	.565	8½
Baltimore	63	69	.477	20
Toronto	58	75	.436	25½
Tampa Bay	44	89	.331	39½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	80	55	.593	—
Chicago	63	70	.474	16
Cleveland	58	74	.439	20½
Kansas City	53	81	.396	26½
Detroit	50	83	.376	29

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	83	51	.619	—
Anaheim	79	54	.594	3½
Seattle	79	55	.590	4
Texas	60	72	.455	22

Friday's Games

Boston (Lowe 17-6) at Cleveland (Wright 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Weaver 7-11) at Toronto (Walker 7-3), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (D.Wright 9-11) at Detroit (Maroth 5-5), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (P.Wilson 6-9) at Texas (Benoit 3-2), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Johnson 4-10) at Anaheim (Callaway 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Byrd 14-10) at Seattle (Garcia 14-9), 10:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 6-3) at Oakland (Hudson 11-9), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 7-3) at Toronto (Miller 5-4), 4:05 p.m.
Boston (Burkett 10-7) at Cleveland (Westbrook 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Glover 6-6) at Detroit (Sparks 8-13), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Harper 5-7) at Texas (Rogers 12-7), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Lohse 11-8) at Oakland (Lidle 8-9), 9:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 5-11) at Anaheim (Ortiz 10-9), 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Asencio 3-4) at Seattle (Franklin 5-3), 10:05 p.m.

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	73	59	.553	—
Houston	71	62	.534	2½
Cincinnati	66	67	.496	7½
Pittsburgh	60	74	.448	14
Chicago	56	76	.424	17
Milwaukee	46	87	.346	27½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	84	49	.632	—
Los Angeles	77	56	.579	7
San Francisco	75	58	.564	9
Colorado	61	73	.455	23½
San Diego	56	77	.421	28

Friday's Games

St. Louis (J.Wright 5-13) at Chicago Cubs (C.Zambrano 2-5), 3:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Moss 8-5) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 8-11), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (K.Wells 12-11) at Florida (Tavarez 9-10), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Padilla 13-8) at N.Y. Mets (Astacio 11-7), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Figueroa 1-5) at Cincinnati (Dempster 7-13), 7:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ashby 9-9) at Houston (Miller 11-3), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Neagle 7-8) at San Diego (Tomko 7-8), 10:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Schmidt 9-6) at Arizona (Johnson 19-4), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

St. Louis (Hackman 3-4) at Chicago Cubs (Prior 6-5), 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 9-7) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 8-9), 1:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 11-7) at Arizona (Schilling 21-4), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Marquis 8-9) at Montreal (Vazquez 8-11), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 6-6) at Florida (Penny 6-4), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Sheets 8-15) at Cincinnati (Reitsma 5-9), 7:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Daal 10-6) at Houston (Saarloos 6-3), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (An.Benes 3-4) at Chicago Cubs (Bere 1-9), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Cook 0-0) at San Diego (Tankersley 1-3), 10:05 p.m.

National League
At A Glance
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	83	49	.629	—
Philadelphia	66	66	.500	17
Montreal	66	67	.496	17½
Florida	64	68	.485	19
New York	61	70	.466	21½

Sports Briefs

Flag football

Any teams interested in playing T.A.A.F. flag football contact Earl Ware at 573-0800. Deadline for entry is Oct. 7 and the entry fee is $220.

Snyder booster club

The Snyder Tiger booster club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the SHS film room.

Friday Swingers

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly swingers event at 5:30 each Friday. It is open to all members and prospective members. Cost is $10 per couple and the format is scramble. Cash prizes go to the top three finishers as well as closest to the hole. For more information, call Barbara Leatherwood at 725-7875.

Labor Day scramble

The Snyder Country Club will host a Labor Day scramble starting at 10 a.m. Monday, and the cost is $20 per person.

Texas' window is closing

AUSTIN — Texas has been dreaming of a national title since the day Chris Simms, Rod Babers and the rest of the 1999 recruiting class — considered the finest in the nation — first stepped on campus. But after three good seasons mixed with stunning disappointments, time is running out for some of them. The Longhorns kick-off the season this weekend against North Texas.

Houston rolls despite labor strife

HOUSTON — Orlando Merced gave the Houston Astros pitching staff all the help it needed, which wasn't much. Merced went 3-for-4 with an RBI double and threw out two runners from right field as Pete Munro and three relievers combined for a four-hitter in Houston's 5-0 win over the San Diego Padres on Thursday.

Kansas-ISU gets Big 12 season rolling

DALLAS — Iowa State coach Dan McCarney understands what's on the line Saturday when his Cyclones open the Big 12 season against Kansas. "We're either going to be 1-0 and tied for first for the next month," McCarney said, "or we're going to be 0-1 and tied for last for the next month."

8th grade volleyball

The Snyder junior high volleyball teams lost both matches to Lamesa Thursday. Team "A" was defeated 13-15 and 2-15, while team "B" lost 14-16 and 13-15. Leading scorers for "A" team were Sarah Covington with 5 points and Terann Ragland with 3 points, while LaShekka Rochardson and Cheyenne Roemisch led the way for team "B" with 8 and 6 points respectively.

I-Rod slam pushes Texas past O's, 9-6

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The handwritten sign above Ivan Rodriguez's locker said it all.

Scribbled across the top of the page was "Grand slam man." Several of his accomplishments were listed — 10-time All-Star, 10 Gold Gloves and one MVP among them — before a line along the bottom read: "best catcher in the world."

The sign was a tribute from his 10-year-old son, Derreck, after Rodriguez hit his fifth career grand slam to complete a big comeback in the Texas Rangers' 9-6 win over the Baltimore Orioles on Thursday night.

"When I do good, he does something," Rodriguez said. "When I don't do good, he doesn't say anything."

After Rick Bauer (6-6) struck out the first two batters in the sixth, Kevin Mench and Alex Rodriguez singled sharply and moved up on a wild pitch. Rafael Palmeiro was given an intentional walk before Ivan Rodriguez homered to center.

That was the fourth straight inning in which the Rangers scored after falling behind 6-0.

"To lose again is terribly frustrating because we're better than that," said Orioles manager Mike Hargrove, whose team is on a season-high six-game losing streak. "We beat ourselves. I don't know if it's some kind of down cycle because of the impending labor situation or what."

After the game, with negotiations still under way to avert a strike, the Rangers went home not knowing if they would return Friday to play Tampa Bay. The Orioles' charter flew to Anaheim as scheduled.

Since he is eligible for free agency at the end of the season, Rodriguez could have played his last game for Texas.

"If we go to strike, let's see if we come back and I will be wearing a Rangers uniform again," Rodriguez said.

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Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
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District Office (s)
Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
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Garage Sales

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3781 Avondale 3-1 ..... $38.5T
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160 A's 3-2-c CONTRACT PENDING rmleigh
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Teamsters ratify contract with UPS

ATLANTA (AP) — Members of the Teamsters union have approved a new six-year contract with United Parcel Service that provides the largest wage and benefit increase in the package delivery giant's history.

The contract, which was negotiated in July, also creates 10,000 new jobs and converts 10,000 jobs that are now subcontracted, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters said.

The contract, which covers more than 200,000 company members, was approved by 72 percent of the union membership, Teamsters spokesman Bret Caldwell said.

"This vote reflects recognition by our employees that this is a fair and balanced agreement that rewards them for their hard work, while allowing the company to remain competitive," UPS chairman and chief executive Mike Eskew said.

Retroactive to Aug. 1, the contract also includes restrictions on mandatory overtime.

UPS and the union struck a deal July 16 that gives workers a 22 percent pay raise over the six years. The agreement came 16 days before the current five-year contract was to expire — averting a repeat of the two-week strike in 1997 that cost the company $750 million.

"This is the richest contract in UPS history — and the workers agree," Teamsters President Jim Hoffa said. "It sets the tone for negotiations for years to come."

UPS shares fell 60 cents Thursday and were at $63.85 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	10.46	10.13	10.29	—.19
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AmEl Pw	34.34	33.05	34.26	—.65
AndarkPtr	44.51	43.66	44.26	+ .54
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BakerHughes	28.22	27.20	27.71	+ .54
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BellSouth	23.10	22.41	22.73	—1.52
BurlNoSFe	28.93	28.32	28.65	+ .33
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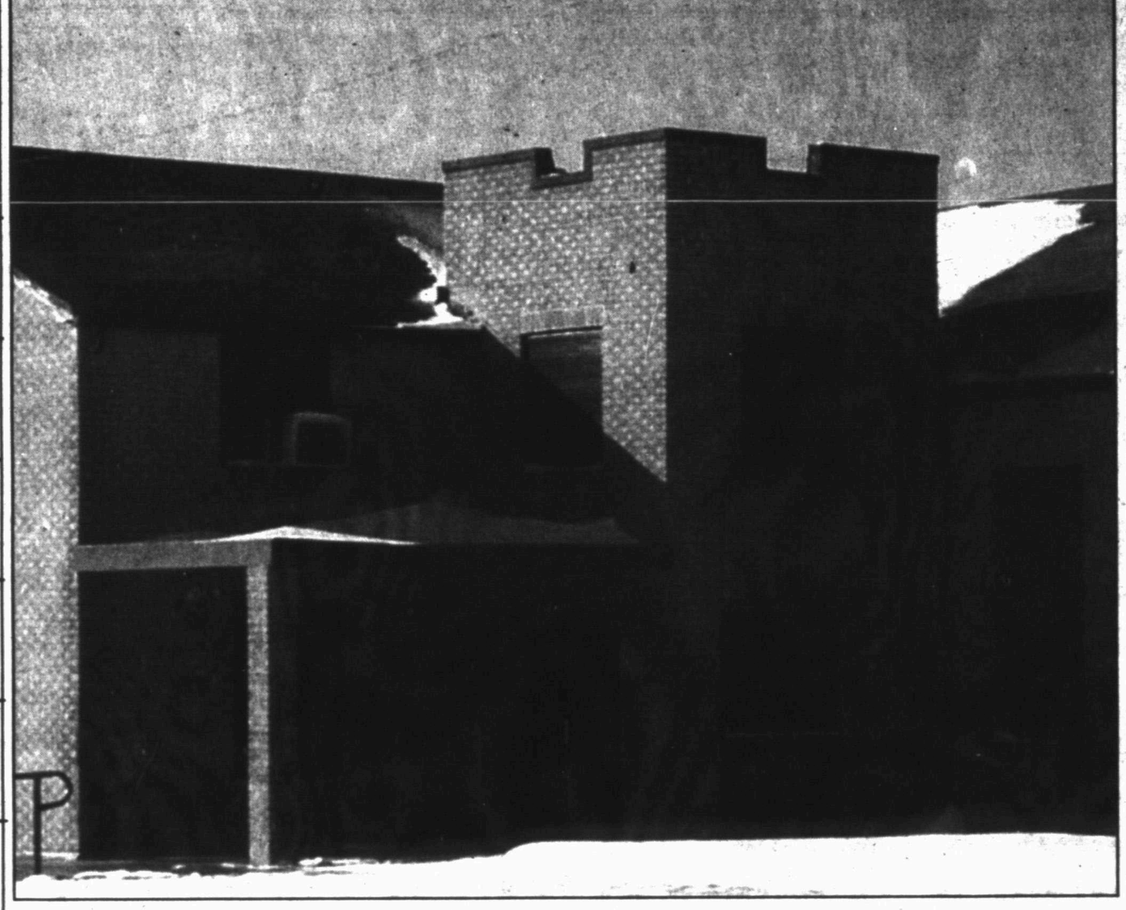
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Three from board of education indicted

AUSTIN (AP) — Two members of the State Board of Education and one former member have been charged with violating the state's open meetings laws after an 18-month grand jury investigation.

A Travis County grand jury on Thursday indicted board members David Bradley, R-Beaumont, and Joe Bernal, D-San Antonio, and former board member Bob Offutt, R-San Antonio, on two Class B misdemeanor charges, the Austin American-Statesman reported today.

The charges stem from a lunch the three had at a popular New York-style deli in August 2000 with three financial advisers.

The three advisers — Joe Alderete, Russell Stein and Brian Borowski — were also indicted Thursday. All six are charged with conspiring to circumvent the Texas Open Meetings Act and holding a closed meeting.

A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of up to $500 and six months in jail. None of the six was available to the newspaper for comment late Thursday.

In interviews last week, Bradley suggested that Travis County Attorney Ken Oden's investigation was politically motivated.

Rusty Hardin, a Houston lawyer representing Bradley, derided the indictments and vowed "to wrap this case around Ken Oden's neck."

At the time of the lunch, the three board members were on the board's finance committee and would have constituted a quorum of the board.

Hardin confirmed that the men ate at Katz's Deli and Bar that day but denied that the lunch was an illegal meeting. He said a meeting must be closed to the public to violate the law.

"How can you have a closed meeting in a public restaurant, where other members of the public are present?" Hardin said. "They were not conducting official business at that meeting, or that lunch."

Two questioned in Alabama slayings

RUTLEDGE, Ala. (AP) — An unemployed man and the 16-year-old mother of his child were questioned after they turned themselves in to authorities in the massacre of six members of the girl's family, whose bullet-riddled bodies were found at their isolated farm.

Westley Devone Harris, 22, and his girlfriend, Janice Denise Ball, turned themselves in at the Crenshaw County jail about 5:30 p.m. Thursday and were transferred to nearby Lowndes County jail, said Lowndes County Sheriff Willie Vaughner.

It was unclear why they were transferred.

The couple's 11/2-year-old baby was being cared for by Harris' aunt at the facility, Vaughner said.

Harris, a suspect in the murders, and Ball were both being questioned late Thursday night. Neither had been charged with the murders, Vaughner said.

The questioning was "going to continue for a while" and it was not clear when or if either would be charged with a crime, Vaughner said.

The couple's photos had been displayed on "Wanted For Questioning" posters around the south Alabama crossroads community where the six bodies were found.

Vaugner identified Harris as a suspect Thursday after earlier saying he and Ball were wanted for questioning as potential witnesses.

The poster made no mention of the missing daughter. State investigators said a nationwide alert was put out for a red Pontiac Grand Am in which Harris and Ball were believed to be traveling.

The car belonged to Ball's father, Willie Hasley, 40, whose body was found near a hog pen after deputies were summoned to the rural homestead Tuesday night, according to relatives.

United Airlines pilots criticize the proposal to cut labor costs

CHICAGO (AP) — Pilots said they weren't happy with United Airlines' proposal to lop $9 billion off its labor costs over the next six years.

The world's No. 2 carrier says the labor-related reductions — $1.5 billion a year in wage and benefit cuts, canceled raises and other changes — would account for most of $2.5 billion in annual savings to help the company stay out of debt and out of bankruptcy.

But representatives of the pilots, who control more than half of employees' majority stake in the airline, criticized the new terms late Thursday as unacceptable and unrealistic.

Union spokesman Herb Hunter said the cuts go far beyond what the pilots' union tentatively agreed to this summer. He suggested it's too much to pay for United to achieve its immediate goal: a $1.8 billion federal loan guarantee from the Air Transportation Stabilization Board, which wants severe cutbacks.

"We feel like we're being slapped in the face," said Hunter, a United pilot and spokesman for the Air Line Pilots Association. "What is the goal of the ATSB here? Are we trying to help the airlines get through a tough financial time or are we trying to rewrite, with a panel of three people, all of the contracts in the airline industry?"

Stuck in the industry's worst downturn in years, United has lost well over $3 billion since mid-2000. Labor accounts for about 40 percent of its costs, which have risen as the carrier gave most of its workers industry-leading contracts.

Getting employees to overturn raises and take double-digit pay cuts will be difficult if not impossible given long-sour labor relations at the company, especially in only three weeks.

Interim CEO John Creighton has set a Sept. 16 deadline to set deep cuts or face the possibility of Chapter 11 bankruptcy when $900 million in debt bills come due by early December.

A day after presenting its proposals to the unions, United said in a brief statement Thursday that the $2.5 billion target "will better align costs with anticipated future revenues and increase the likelihood that the company will qualify for $1.8 billion in loan guarantees."

The Elk Grove Village, Ill.-based carrier did not specify how the $1.5 billion in labor reductions would be divided up. But the machinists union said it has been asked for $450 million in annual givebacks from its employees.

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers posted the company's new terms on union Web sites.

Woman reports dog stolen

•Thefts

Amanda Villa contacted officers at the police department at 2:20 Thursday afternoon to report the theft of her dog, a white male pit bull and a report was filed for Class B theft.

Eleanor Ibarra requested officers at Taco John's Thursday to report the theft of items from the restaurant's freezer. A report for burglary of a building was submitted.

Melody Weaver reported the theft of a bicycle from her residence on FM 1607 Thursday and deputies informed her the bike had already been turned in at the sheriff's office.

Joe Garza reported his bicycle was stolen and officers escorted him to the police department where he identified his bike.

•Arrests

Officers arrested two men in the 3900 block of College Ave. at 10 p.m. Thursday. Taken into custody were an 18-year-old man for driving while intoxicated and another 18-year-old for public intoxication and having an open container in a vehicle.

•Criminal mischief

Charlie Mann requested an officer at Wal-Mart Thursday morning in reference to finding damage done to his vehicle and a report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

•Close patrols

A woman on 36th Place requested a close patrol of her neighborhood Thursday because of recent criminal mischief in the area.

A man reported prowlers on his property on 17th Street Thursday night and a close patrol was initiated.

Officers began a close patrol Thursday night in the 200 block of 33rd Street after several residents saw a subject checking mailboxes and looking in cars.

•Noise disturbance

Rene Hernandez reported loud music coming from a neighbor's house on Ave. Z Thursday and officers initiated a close patrol.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a drive off Thursday morning in the amount of $6.16.

A drive off was reported from Town and Country East at 7 p.m. Thursday in the amount of $20.

A clerk at Allsup's reported a gas drive off at 10:50 Thursday night in the amount of $5.

Obituaries

Edward McCarter

1910-2002

Edward Roy McCarter, longtime Scurry County resident, died Thursday, Aug. 29, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.



Roy McCarter

Service for Mr. McCarter, 91, is set for 2:30 Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Rex Reynolds, pastor of First Baptist Church in Hermleigh, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. McCarter was born on Nov. 2, 1910 in Grayson County. He married Evea Elizabeth Martin on June 6, 1936 in Scurry County. She died this past June 10. A retired contract roustabout, he had been a Scurry County resident since 1920. Mr. McCarter was a member of the Hermleigh First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Dorothy Ann Craig of Del Rio; a son, Robert Wayne McCarter of Snyder; a brother, Dayton McCarter of Snyder; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity or the building fund at Hermleigh First Baptist Church, 483 Harlan Street in Hermleigh, 79526.

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Funeral service for Vera Helen Hamilton of Snyder is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Revs. Danny Williams and Bear Williams will officiate and burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.



Vera Hamilton

Mrs. Hamilton, 89, died Thursday, Aug. 29, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born April 1, 1913 in Milsap, she married Joe Hoy Hamilton on Jan. 19, 1942 in Snyder. He died May 3, 1992. They were ranchers. Mrs. Hamilton was a member of the Lighthouse Assembly of God Church.

Also preceding her in death were two sisters, Veola Norris and Lois Snowden; a brother, Earl Parker; two nieces, Betty McLeod and Ethyl Norris; and two nephews, Jim Norris and Melvin Parker.

Survivors include two sisters, Johnnie B. Chambers of Snyder and Audie Grace Cunningham of The Grove; eight nephews, Vick Chambers and Richard Chambers, both of Snyder, Frank Parker of Wofford Heights, Calif., Harold Cunningham of Crawford, Elmer McLeod and Kenneth Cunningham, both of Austin, Jack Norris of Lovington, N.M., and S.W. Norris of Sweetwater; three nieces, Hattie Ruth Woodle of Columbia, S.C., Jocie V. Bieger of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and Anita Blair of San Angelo; a great-niece, Deanne Hamilton of Odessa; and a nephew, Joie Hamilton of Houston.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Fiesta stack-up dinner

The SHS choirs and booster club will host a Fiesta stack-up dinner from 5 to 7 this evening in the SHS cafeteria before the football game with Frenship. Cost is $5 each, and carry-outs are available.

Football T-shirt sale

SHS student council will sell football t-shirts before home games at the front stadium gate. Shirts are also available by calling Christy Smith at573-6301.

Tiger Pride cards

Snyder Junior High students will be selling Tiger Pride cards for $10 through Monday, Sept. 9. Contact any junior high student or call the school at 573-6356. The money goes to the activity fund.

Fish Fry

The American Legion will have its fish fry from 4-7 p.m. Sunday. Adult tickets are $7 each and the fee for 10-16 year olds will be $3.50. Children under nine eat free.

Museum exhibit

A special exhibit of Harley-Davidson, Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters continues through Monday at the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus. The free exhibit is entitled Ready To Roll and all bikes are owned by residents of Scurry County.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Protecting Our Marriage to Christ," followed by "Christ the King."

Support groups

Adult family violence support group and children's family violence support group meets at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at Gateway Family Service. For information call 573-1822.

SISD family literacy

SISD's Family Literacy Program will begin Tuesday. Classes will include ESL, beginning computers and basic reading. Call Mary Ann Juarez at 574-6012 for more information.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Two CPR courses

Western Texas College will offer two CPR courses this semester. The first is Heartsaver CPR for the public from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday with a cost of $35. The second is CPR for Health Care Providers, Sept. 10-11, 6-10 p.m. with a cost of $45. For more information, contact Tammy Shirley at 573-8511, ext. 342.

Hermleigh booster club

Hermleigh booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school cafeteria.

Word Is Life revival

The Word is Life Deliverance Church will have a revival Sept. 8-10. Sunday times: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday times: 7 p.m. Isaiah Reed is the evangelist.

Bible school

Son Canyon River Adventure Bible School will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church from 6:30-8 p.m. every Wednesday in September, and on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Open to all children from infants to 7th grade. Call the church office at 573-3988 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

Sr. citizen swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens begin Tuesday and will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the senior center at 573-4035 for more information.

Social Security reps

Representatives of the Social Security office has rescheduled regular trips to Snyder. Reps will next be at the Senior Citizens Center on Thursday.

Cub Scout rally and registration

Anyone wanting to join the Cub Scouts is invited to the Cub Scout rally for boys in grades 1-5 at 7 p.m. Thursday in the West Elementary cafeteria. Call 574-2532, or 573-5183 for more information.

Enchilada dinner

Discovery School will have its annual enchilada dinner from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 8, at First United Methodist Church. Tickets are available at the school office or by calling 573-4770.

Retired teachers fellowship

Scurry County Retired Teachers will have an ice cream fellowship at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, in the Wesley Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Scholarship fundraiser

Borden County Parents Club will sell Krispy Kreme donuts at Wal-Mart starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14.

Trains and things

Scurry County parks department is looking for loans of model trains and railroad-related items to be displayed during the Oct. 12 White Buffalo Festival. Items are needed by Oct. 7.

SHS class of 1988 homecoming

The SHS class of 1988 will meet at 5 p.m. for the before game booster meal at the high school and then attend the game between the Tigers and Ft. Stockton on Sept. 27. There will be a get-together after the game. Call Meredith at 254-223-3193 for more information.

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Senators cooperating in leaks investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most members of a Senate committee investigating the Sept. 11 attacks have agreed to provide the FBI with details of their contacts with reporters as part of an investigation into leaks of classified information.

Contacted Thursday by The Associated Press, the offices of 13 of the 17 Senate Judiciary Committee members said they were complying with the FBI request. No office said it wasn't. In the other four offices, information wasn't available because the senator was traveling.

The FBI is trying to determine who leaked details of conversations intercepted by the National Security Agency that were discussed June 18 at the House and Senate intelligence committees' closed-door inquiry.

Details of the Arabic intercepts on Sept. 10 — the day before the September 2001 terror attacks — were initially were broadcast by CNN the day after the closed hearing. The committees had requested the FBI investigation.

Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., the committee's chairman, has instructed his staff to compile the material requested, his spokesman, Paul Anderson, said.

Anderson said Graham supported the FBI investigation because the leak of classified information violated the law. The FBI also could examine whether the leaks may have come from outside Congress, he said. An internal investigation might not be able to do so.

Graham "has said that he has nothing to hide," Anderson said.

But Paul McMasters of Freedom Forum's First Amendment Center said the FBI investigation could go beyond the leaks and uncover unrelated communications between lawmakers and journalists.

"That's where this problem comes in," he said. Freedom Forum is an Arlington, Va.-based foundation dedicated to press freedom.

Caesar Andrews, president of Associated Press Managing Editors, said the request for information about press contacts "creates a mood of fear and dread among those people who should be helping to put the U.S. efforts in context."

"I think it's more the climate that's created when there's a sense of overly aggressive efforts to clamp down on information," said Andrews, editor of Gannett News Service.

"Obviously it's an issue that ultimately has a chilling effect on the flow of information from official sources to the public," said Douglas Clifton, editor of The Plain Dealer in Cleveland and chairman of the American Society of Newspaper Editors' Freedom of Information Committee.

The FBI investigation comes as the Justice Department seeks to block public disclosure by Congress of the results of its investigation of Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person charged in the United States in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks.

In court papers unsealed Thursday in Alexandria, Va., prosecutors said they didn't object to plans by the House and Senate intelligence committees to disclose what the government knows about the planning and execution of the attacks or what was known about two of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers who met with al-Qaida operatives in Malaysia in January 2000, shortly before they came to the United States.

But the government said planned hearings next month into the FBI's investigation of Moussaoui while he was in custody before the attacks could jeopardize his trial, now set for January. Lawyers for the committees said the hearings would not delve into Moussaoui's guilt or innocence.

U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema refused for the time being to interfere with the hearings. But she asked prosecutors to propose new rules for handling sensitive material from the Moussaoui case that might be made public during congressional hearings.

In connection with the FBI's investigation of leaks, the Justice Department sent a letter to the Senate counsel's office Aug. 7 requesting that members of the Senate committee and their press staff submit telephone logs, memos, visitor sign-in sheets and other material showing communications with the news media between noon June 18 and 3:15 p.m. June 19, when CNN broadcast details of the intercepts.

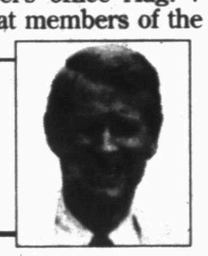
The letter also called for calendars, appointment books and e-mails for the senators and their press staff during that period. No similar request was made of House Intelligence Committee members.

Some lawmakers, including the panel's top Republican, Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, have said the FBI investigation of the committees breached the separation of powers between the executive and legislative branches — particularly while the committee was examining intelligence shortcomings at the FBI and other agencies.

Sen. Richard Durbin, R-Ill., told the Chicago Sun-Times this week that in requesting personal schedules, the FBI was "trying to put a damper on our activities and I think they will be successful." He was unavailable for comment Thursday.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Managing a post-stroke patient at home

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 75-year-old brother suffered a disastrous stroke 10 years ago that left him with marked right-sided weakness and speech difficulties. At present, he lives at home and is cared for by his wife, with the help of minor assistance (house-cleaning and food preparation). What is his prognosis? The doctor mentions the possibility of seizures and indicates that my brother will not appreciably improve. This is difficult to accept.

DEAR READER: Following a stroke, most patients reach the peak of their recovery within six to 12 months. A stroke causes death and dysfunction of vital nerve tissue, often marked by partial (or total) paralysis and speech handicap.

Rehabilitation programs that involve speech training, occupational therapy and physical therapy are paramount in helping stroke patients recover. The goal is to increase independence by "re-educating" muscles and nerves to compensate for the damage caused by the stroke. There is, understandably, a limit to the degree of recovery. Your brother appears to have reached his limit.

Provided he doesn't have a second stroke — a definite risk for such patients — your brother will probably remain pretty much as he is now. Of course, you have to take into account the fact that he, like the rest of us, will progressively weaken with age. In elderly stroke patients, this can cause problems because they're already weaker to begin with.

Seizures can sometimes follow strokes, especially during the acute phase when brain damage is most severe and is aggravated by cerebral edema, post-traumatic swelling of brain tissue. However, if your brother has been free of seizures, he is likely to remain so.

Again, the major factor to consider is the risk of another stroke, which makes prognostication difficult. Your brother should follow his physician's advice — particularly about continuing rehab, medication to control hypertension (if it is present) and the possibility of anti-clotting therapy, such as daily aspirin. In addition, your sister-in-law must remain open to the probability that, at some time in the future, she will be unable to function as the primary caregiver. She may burn out or simply be unable to assume the responsibility of a severely handicapped spouse. At that point, a skilled nursing facility (or more hours of professional home care) may become mandatory.

Your brother's family doctor, with the help of specialists (such as neurologists and physiatrists), can offer considerable assistance in the present difficult times, as well as in the future, with more difficult times that lie ahead.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "What You Should Know About Nursing Homes." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, Aug. 31, 2002

In the year ahead you will be discarding old, unworkable objectives and replacing them with new, productive ones. These new goals will start you on a path of places to go that you'll find more appealing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Doing everything in accordance with the rules today is a must. Don't allow yourself to depart from your usual high standards and use tactics that are not too kosher. It can tarnish your image. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The viewpoints of others that you put down today will open you up to criticism. If you want people to respect your opinion, you must be respectful of theirs as well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — There could be a tendency on your part today to ignore the order of things and to try to force square pegs into round holes. Don't try to hammer something together that won't mesh.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — The twist of lies and truths might need to be unknotted today and it might not be one of your better days for that mental dexterity. You might not be too open for honest evaluations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Appreciate your limitations today and be able to say no when you must. Otherwise, you may be far more demanding on yourself when others are demanding of you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Taking chances on either people or money may be a big mistake today and open you up for a loss. If you see things washing away, have some putty ready to plug up the leaks.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It may only take a few angry remarks to get everyone stirred up today. You're not the only one in your household who has a chip on his/her shoulder.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your powers of concentration may not be up to par today. When doing anything that takes mental focus you need to be extremely vigilant or mistakes are likely.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Poor management of your finances today could create a ripple effect that may put more pressure on you that you're prepared to handle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Turning the other cheek may come easily for you, but it doesn't for everybody. Today, one-on-one relationships need to be handled with extreme tact or a casual comment could be offensive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you have a negative attitude today it will have a deleterious affect on most everything you do. Try not to make things harder on yourself than they actually are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Self-serving factions may capture your fancy today, but they may also draw you into a behavior that will jeopardize a friendship. Be considerate at all times.

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